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BOARD OF REGENTS

1 LAWS OF THE REGENTS

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3 ARTICLE 2: THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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5 Part A: Organization and Powers

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7 2.A.5 Chair and Vice Chair

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9 (A) As provided by the state constitution and state law, the Board of Regents shall
10 select from among its members a chair, who shall conduct the meetings of the
11 board, and a vice chair, who shall assume the duties of the chair in the chair's
12 absence.

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14 [See section 12 of article IX of the state constitution]

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16 (B) Effective January 1, 2025, the chair and vice chair shall be elected annually at the
17 first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year and shall assume
18 these roles at the conclusion of this meeting.

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20 (C) At least two weeks prior to the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each
21 calendar year, regents interested in serving for an office are strongly encouraged
22 to submit in writing a short letter of interest to the Office of the Board of Regents.
23 This letter will include information about the candidate and why the candidate
24 would like to serve in a particular position. One week prior to the first regularly
25 scheduled board meeting of the calendar year, the Office of the Board of Regents
26 shall make any letter of interest received available to the full board. Selection of
27 chair and vice chair shall comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law. Voting for
28 chair and vice chair shall be by secret ballot, unless only one regent is nominated
29 for a position. Should no nominee receive a majority vote of regents, the election
30 shall be declared null and void, and the secret ballot vote shall be retaken.

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32 ~~(G)~~(D) Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political party, the chair
33 and the vice chair shall not be members of the same political party.

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35 ~~(D)~~(E) Unless otherwise limited by these laws, any regent is eligible to be elected chair
36 or vice chair irrespective of that regent's party affiliation.

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38 ~~(E)~~(F) In the event the board is unable to elect a new chair and vice chair as provided in
39 sections A, ~~and B,~~ and C above, the current chair and vice chair shall continue in
40 their respective offices until the next scheduled or special meeting of the board.
41 The next regular or special meeting will be considered a new election.

43 ~~(F)~~(G) In the event of resignation from office of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the
44 duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either
45 at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to
46 elect a new chair. Any chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of
47 the remaining term of the prior chair.
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49 ~~(G)~~(H) In the event of a vacancy in the position of chair due to the death, incapacity, or
50 resignation of the regent holding that position, the vice chair shall assume the
51 duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either
52 at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to
53 elect a new chair. The election shall not occur until the governor of the state of
54 Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any chair elected in
55 this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior chair.
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57 ~~(H)~~(I) In the event of a resignation from office of vice chair, the chair shall appoint a
58 regent to perform the duties of the vice chair until such time as the Board of
59 Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents
60 meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new vice chair. Any vice chair elected
61 in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior vice
62 chair.
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64 ~~(I)~~(J) In the event of a vacancy in the position of vice chair due to the death, incapacity,
65 or resignation of the regent holding that position, the chair shall appoint a regent to
66 perform the duties of vice chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an
67 election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special
68 meeting, to elect a new vice chair. The election shall not occur until the governor
69 of the state of Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any
70 vice chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term
71 of the prior vice chair.
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73 ~~(J)~~(K) The chair shall have the authority to take routine personnel actions concerning
74 those employees who report directly or jointly to the board and for whom the board
75 is a designated supervisor. Such routine personnel actions include, but are not
76 limited to, leave approvals, expense reimbursement approvals, performance
77 ratings, preparation of comprehensive review summary evaluations, and
78 acceptance of resignations. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the
79 chair's authority, that the chair consult with the board in preparing annual
80 performance ratings, defining the comprehensive review process, conducting the
81 comprehensive review, and preparing the comprehensive review summary
82 evaluations and ratings for such employees. The chair shall not have the authority
83 to appoint, dismiss, set the salary for, or establish the duties of employees
84 reporting directly to the board, which authority is reserved to the board.
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86 ~~(K)~~(L) The chair shall also have the authority to execute agreements and other
87 documents on behalf of the board, including, but not limited to, employment and
88 settlement agreements, provided that any agreement executed by the chair shall
89 be approved first as to legal sufficiency by an attorney in the office of university
90 counsel. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the chair's authority,
91 that the chair and/or university counsel consult with the board prior to the chair's
92 executing an agreement and report the execution of the agreement to the board
93 thereafter.

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95 ~~(L)~~(M) The chair shall have the authority to appoint individual board members to serve
96 on outside committees, commissions, authorities, or boards when the appointment
97 of a regent is required by state law, board policy, or a board-approved
98 intergovernmental or other university agreement.
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